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In re Application of:)
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THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the attached copy of an Office Action, which was issued in the corresponding Korean application on February 28, 2006. An English language translation of this Action is attached. The Examiner will note that the document cited in the Action is already of record in the subject application.

Since the Korean Office Action is not prior art, it has not been listed on Form PTO-1449. Nonetheless, it is respectfully requested that the above-mentioned information be considered by the Examiner and that a written confirmation be returned to Applicant indicating that such information has been considered.

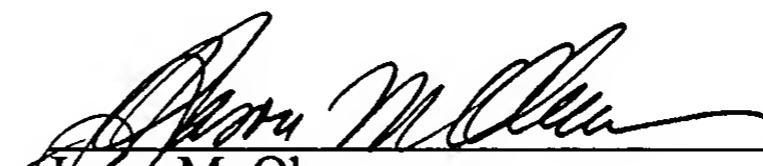
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if such a fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge it to Deposit Account 06-1205. Any overpayment should be credited to the same Deposit Account.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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